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IN RE: Petitioner:  
Beneficiary

Petition: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)

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IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

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INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,  
EXAMINATIONS

Terrance M. O'Reilly, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the director. A subsequent appeal was dismissed by the Associate Commissioner for Examinations. The matter is now before the Associate Commissioner on a motion to reopen and reconsider. The motion will be granted and the previous decisions of the director and the Associate Commissioner will be affirmed.

The petitioner is a retail firm which seeks to employ the beneficiary as an accounting manager for an unspecified period. The director determined the petition could not be approved because the petitioner had not submitted an approved labor condition application. On appeal, the petitioner had still not submitted a certified labor condition application from the Secretary of Labor.

On motion, the petitioner submits an approved labor condition application. However, the application was certified on July 8, 1999, a date subsequent to March 15, 1999, the filing date of the visa petition. Regulations at 8 C.F.R. 214.2(h)(4)(i)(B)(1) provide that before filing a petition for H-1B classification in a specialty occupation, the petitioner shall obtain a certification from the Department of Labor that it has filed a labor condition application. Since this has not occurred, it is concluded that the petition may not be approved.

There was an additional reason that the visa petition appeal was dismissed by the Associate Commissioner which was not addressed by the petitioner in this motion. Matter of Lee, 18 I&N Dec. 96 (Reg. Comm. 1981), found a beneficiary who has been offered a position for an indefinite period with no specified termination date has not been offered a temporary position and does not qualify for nonimmigrant classification pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(i). The beneficiary has been offered a position for an indefinite period with no specified termination date. As such, he remains ineligible for the nonimmigrant classification sought.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. The petitioner has not sustained that burden. Accordingly, the previous decisions of the director and the Associate Commissioner will not be disturbed.

**ORDER:** The order of July 27, 1999 dismissing this appeal is affirmed.